

THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

Herald Special Report from London.

Two American and One British Vessel Spring Aleak.

Arrivals at and Departures from European and South American Ports.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The following special despatch to the HERALD has been received from our correspondent in the English metropolis:—

LONDON, Nov. 12, 1873.

VESSELS SEEKING PORTS IN DISTRESS.

Ship Andrew Johnson, from Callao for England, is reported, in a despatch from Lisbon, to have put into Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, leaking badly.

The bark Monnequah (British), Captain Griffin, from Fernandina, Fla., for Montevideo, and the brig Bogota, Captain Marsins, from Montevideo for New York, are also reported, by telegraph from Lisbon, to have put into Rio Janeiro leaking badly. The latter will have to discharge cargo in order to effect repairs.

WRECK OF A FOREIGN VESSEL.

A vessel named the Kruse Bjorn, bound to Pensacola, Fla., was wrecked off Longsand previous to November 12. Crew saved.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

Arrived at Queenstown November 12, steamships Abyssinia (British), Haines, and Egypt (British), Grogan, from New York for Liverpool; bark Maggie Reynolds (British), Smith, from do.

Arrived at Dublin November 12, brig Johanna Margherita (Norwegian), Rasmussen, from New York.

Arrived at Antwerp November 12, steamship Vadarland (Belgian), Von der Heyden, from Philadelphia.

Arrived at Brest November 12, steamship Europe (French), Lemaire, from New York for Havre.

Arrived at Rio Janeiro (by telegraph from Lisbon), ship Moonlight, Waterhouse, from Hull; brig J. M. Wiswell, Glover, from Greenock.

VESSELS SAILED.

Freeman Clarke, Bosworth, and E. C. Scramton, Wheeler, for New Orleans; Annabella (British), Craig, for Savannah; barks Arcadia (British), Anderson, for do.; Grenmar (Norwegian), Ludvigsen, and Harlequin (British), Hill, for Pensacola.

Sailed from Falmouth November 11, bark Fomalhaut (German), Millert, from Newcastle for Philadelphia.

Sailed from Deal November 12, Figlia Acame, for Baltimore.

Sailed from Kingroad November 12, bark Uriel (German), Siebels, from Bristol for New York.

Sailed from Port Said November 11, steamship Galley of Lorne (British), Robinson, from Shanghai and Singapore for New York.

ENGLAND.

Sterling Value of the American Dollar—Bullion in Flow to the Bank.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Nov. 12, 1873. The Committee of the Stock Exchange have adopted a resolution that four shillings (British) per dollar (American) shall be the rate of exchange after the 3d of December.

BULLION TO THE BANK.

The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £117,000.

IRELAND.

The Home Rule Agitation and Riot.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Nov. 12—5 A. M. There was a serious riot last night at a meeting in favor of "home rule" in Kilkenny. The mob stoned the police, who charged upon them and made several arrests.

SPAIN.

Bourbonist Claim of Another Victory in Battle.

TELEGRAMS TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BARCELONA, Nov. 12, 1873. It is reported that another battle has taken place between the Carlists and republicans, again resulting in a great victory for the former. The republicans are said to have lost 1,300 men and the Carlists 200.

Naval Movement of the Insurgents. MADRID, Nov. 12, 1873. A despatch from Cartagena says the insurgent fleet is making preparations to leave the harbor. The vessels hope to get out without discovery by the government squadron.

GERMANY.

Cabinet Change—The Prussian Diet Assembled in Session.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BERLIN, Nov. 12, 1873. Count Von Roon has been relieved from the Ministry of War of Prussia. His successor will probably be Lieutenant General Von Kameke. The Prussian Diet opened to-day. Herr Campenhausen, the Vice President of the Ministry, read the royal speech, which is moderate in tone and mainly devoted to local subjects.

RACES POSTPONED AT PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12, 1873. The races have been postponed to-day on account of the rain which has been falling for the past twenty-four hours. The meeting will begin to-morrow, should the sun shine, at noon.

A SCHOONER SUNK.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 12, 1873. The schooner Challenge sunk last night while passing this port. One of the crew was lost.

FRANCE.

Electoral Privilege and Parliamentary Right—Presidential Advice to the Assembly.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PARIS, Nov. 12, 1873. In the Assembly to-day a motion was offered by the government postponing the debate upon M. Leon Say's interpellation regarding the failure to order elections to fill vacancies in the Assembly until the day following that upon which a vote is taken upon the prolongation of President MacMahon's powers.

After a heated debate the motion was adopted.

THE PRESIDENT TO THE PARLIAMENT.

The committee on prolongation of the powers of the present government, headed by M. de Rémusat, to-day had an interview with President MacMahon.

The latter stated that "he had nothing to say modifying in any way the language of his message to the Assembly."

He requested them to hasten their labors in the best interests of the country. He said the questions relating to the discussion of the constitutional bills belonged solely to the Assembly, though he acknowledged that the adoption of the bills would give stability to the government.

The Assembly Committee on the Presidential Tenure Question.

PARIS, Nov. 12, 1873.

The Committee on Prolongation has adopted the proposal of M. Cassin, that the law prolonging the powers of President MacMahon for five years beyond the duration of the present Assembly becomes a part of the constitution after the constitutional bills are voted upon.

MARSHAL BAZAINE.

A Civil Trial Likely to Ensnare the Court Martial.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

LONDON, Nov. 12—5 A. M. A special despatch from Paris to the Daily Telegraph says that Colonel Stoffel will be tried by a civil court in Versailles on the charge of using contemptuous language towards the government prosecutors in the Bazine court martial.

JAPAN.

Treaties' Revision Postponed—American Diplomacy—Crown Condescension—Trade.

TELEGRAM TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12, 1873. The steamship Japan brings Yokohama dates to October 21.

Ambassador Silds was still lying in a precarious condition. A hope that the treaties had been postponed in view of the fact that the Emperor had been unable to sign them.

On October 9 Minister Delong paid his last visit to the Emperor, and introduced his successor, Mr. Bingham.

The Emperor's address to Minister Delong on the occasion was most cordial and flattering. His Majesty also presented him with two magnificent and costly vases as a token of his esteem. Mr. Delong was afterwards entertained on board the United States steamer Lackawanna.

ROYAL CONDESCENSION.

On October 9 the Emperor went in state to open the polytechnic school at Tokyo. He read a speech, which was translated, and Dr. Murray and the chief foreign officers replied. Chemical and physical experiments and a gymnastic exhibition were witnessed by the Emperor. After the exhibition all sat down to a collation. The students recently arrived at Tokyo number 30,000.

TRADE.

Business in Yokohama had improved.

MARRIAGE OF AMASA SPRAGUE.

A Peculiarly Interesting Ceremony in Providence—No Extravagant Display and but Few Guests.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 12, 1873.

An important event in the Sprague family, which in anticipation, has been the subject of much talk in the community during the past few weeks, occurred this evening—viz., the marriage of Colonel Amasa Sprague, of the firm of A. & W. Sprague, to a daughter of the late Byron Sprague. When the crisis in the Sprague affairs arose, the engagement, which existed since last spring, naturally entered into the consideration of matters and things in connection with the Spragues, and among people in their circles of wealth and fashion expectations of the marriage have been held for over a fortnight. Such a ceremony, under existing circumstances, cannot, one would think, be very joyful. But, be that as it may, the great affair has taken place, and that, too, before the business interests of the great house are settled. In marked contrast with the brilliant wedding which occurred at the Sprague mansion nearly a year ago, when another daughter of the late Byron Sprague was the bride, this marriage was

QUIET AND WITHOUT ANY GREAT DISPLAY.

No unusual preparations were made for the event, and no such stir or flutter was created in the fashionable world as would be expected from the marriage of such a wealthy and notable couple. Cards this time were issued only to about fifty persons, and the wedding breakfast, which was served at the residence of the bride, was a simple affair. The bride, Mrs. Byron Sprague, and her daughter, and another daughter of the late Byron Sprague, were the only guests. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Greer, rector of Grace church (Episcopal), and the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of the Episcopal church in Cranston, which adjoins Providence, and which is the residence of the bridegroom. The bride, who is quite young, being only between nineteen and twenty years of age, was very pretty, though not gorgeously attired. Nor, indeed, were any of the attendants dressed in any remarkable degree of splendor. 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